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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM:

Assistant Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: H.R. 6410, "Paperwork Reduction
Act of 1980"

1. Attached for your review in preparation for an upcoming meeting to discuss the same (see below), is a copy of subject Bill.

2. The legislation is designed to provide a means to eliminate unnecessary paperwork burdens that are imposed on the private sector and within the Government as a result of information collection requirements. To accomplish this, the Bill establishes an Office of Federal Information Management Policy within the Office of Management and Budget. That office would be responsible for providing overall direction in the development and implementation of Federal information policies, standards, and guidelines. This would include responsibility to review information collection requests, establishing procedures to reduce paperwork burdens on the public, and establishing procedures for review of Federal statistical and records management procedures, establishing guidelines for ensuring privacy of records, interagency sharing of information and the use of automatic data processing as a means of managing information.

3. In addition, the Bill establishes a Federal Information Locator system that would contain data concerning the information holdings of the government. The system would be designed so that information contained in the system could be used to eliminate duplicative information and reporting requirements.

4. Particular attention should be paid by appropriate offices to the following provisions:

- §3502(5): Rather broad definition of "data profile" which includes "a description of any compilations, analyses, or reports derived from [information collection requirements]" (note: §3502(5) should be read in connection with §3510(a));

- \$3504(g)(3): D/O/FIP given broad authority re "acquisition and use of [ADP] and telecommunications equipment...";
- \$3519: GAO access issue.

5. H.R. 6410 has already passed the House with strong Administration support. It is currently pending before the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Senate, which is not expected to take any action prior to mid-May. This, in conjunction with OMB's willingness to accept "subject matter" exemptions from Intelligence Community entities, gives us some "play time" with regard to the Bill. In order to expedite things, I would ask that instead of preparing formal written comments you make yourself or your designee personally available for a meeting on the subject to take place in Room 5E11 Headquarters at 1:30 p.m., Friday, 2 May. Please be prepared at that time to discuss component equities which in your opinion may be compromised by the Bill. Appropriate amendments will be developed at this meeting for subsequent forwarding to OMB.

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Attachment

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